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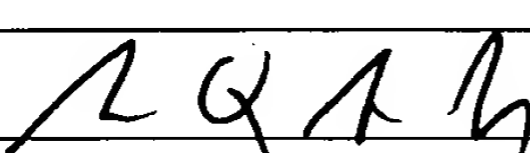
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	Filing Date	January 17, 2001	
	First Named Inventor	Michael D. Whitesage	
	Group Art Unit	2163	
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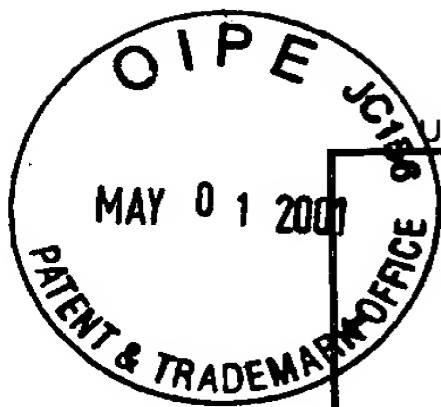
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103	18	203	9	Claims in excess of 20
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139	130	139	130	Non-English specification	
147	2,520	147	2,520	For filing a request for ex parte reexamination	
112	920*	112	920*	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	
113	1,840*	113	1,840*	Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action	
115	110	215	55	Extension for reply within first month	
116	390	216	195	Extension for reply within second month	
117	890	217	445	Extension for reply within third month	
118	1,390	218	695	Extension for reply within fourth month	
128	1,890	228	945	Extension for reply within fifth month	
119	310	219	155	Notice of Appeal	
120	310	220	155	Filing a brief in support of an appeal	
121	270	221	135	Request for oral hearing	
138	1,510	138	1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
140	110	240	55	Petition to revive - unavoidable	
141	1,240	241	620	Petition to revive - unintentional	
142	1,240	242	620	Utility issue fee (or reissue)	
143	440	243	220	Design issue fee	
144	600	244	300	Plant issue fee	
122	130	122	130	Petitions to the Commissioner	
123	50	123	50	Processing fee under 37 CFR 1.17(q)	
126	180	126	180	Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt	
581	40	581	40	Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties)	
146	710	246	355	Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR 1.129(a))	
149	710	249	355	For each additional invention to be examined (37CFR 1.129(b))	
179	710	279	355	Request for Continued Examination (RCE)	
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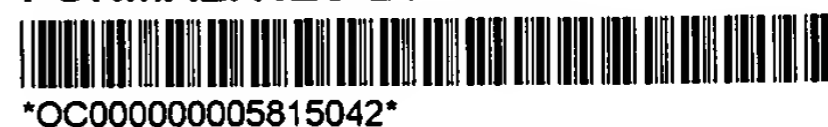
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## FORMALITIES LETTER



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## NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

*Filing Date Granted*

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given TWO MONTHS from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The oath or declaration is missing.
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(e) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.
- **The balance due by applicant is \$ 130.**

The application is informal since it does not comply with the regulations for the reason(s) indicated below. Applicant is given TWO MONTHS from the date of this Notice within which to correct the informalities indicated below.

The required item(s) identified below must be timely submitted to avoid abandonment:

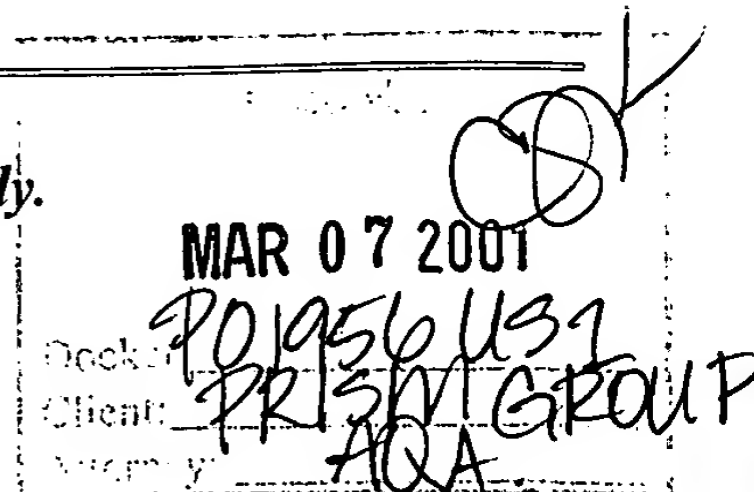
- Substitute drawings in compliance with 37 CFR 1.84 because:
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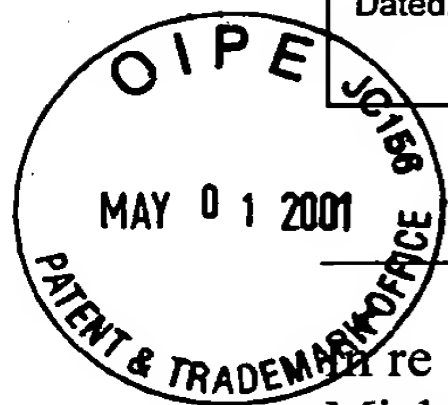
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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**



In re Patent Application of:  
Michael D. Whitesage

Application No.: 09/764,178

Group Art Unit: 2163

Filed: January 17, 2001

Examiner: Not Yet Assigned

For: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR MANAGING  
PURCHASING CONTRACTS

**RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF APPLICATION**

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Washington, DC 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Application – Filing Date Granted mailed March 1, 2001, Applicant respectfully submits the following:

1. Power of Attorney or Authorization of Agent;
2. Declaration for Patent Application; and
3. Replacement drawings addressing the physical requirements identified in Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application (46 sheets).

Please charge our Deposit Account No. 06-2375 under Order No. P01956US1 in the amount of \$130.00 covering the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(e). The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in the fees filed, asserted to be filed or which should have been filed herewith (or with any paper hereafter filed in this application by this firm) to our Deposit Account No. 06-2375, under Order No. HO-P01956US1. A duplicate copy of this paper is enclosed.

Dated: May 1, 2001

Respectfully submitted,

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